



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 24th November, 2024 - Kustoms Car Club
Hall, Mudgeeraba

OPEN: 10.05am

APOLOGIES: Helen & Drew Maywald, Andrew Boka, Alan Roots, Helen Connell, Denis & Anne Carter, Denise & Gary Brown, Carol McGavin, Graeme Jenz, Susanne & Tony Mesritz, John Abbott, Rose & David Paragreen, Lex Vandervalk, Phillip & Wendy Booker, Noela Richardson, Ruth Kim, Lasz Marer, Margaret & Brett Medland, Lainy Henman, Ann Ratcliffe, Mitch Brown, Frank & Kaye Watts.

ATTENDEES: Members attended – 31

READ MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Read and Accepted

Moved: Fran Cowan **Seconded:** Stan Simankowicz

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES: NIL

TREASURERS REPORT: . Suzanne read out report on behalf of Sharon. “**Good morning everyone. Today I am presenting the financial reports for GCR for period October 2023 to September 2024. The spreadsheets in front of you are income and expenditure reports that were submitted to Simpson and Winslow chartered accountants 6 weeks ago. Unfortunately they have been unable to complete their report in time for todays meeting. They have advised me that we can complete todays AGM with my spreadsheets. Their final reports will be available in a couple of weeks and I can have them for your viewing if required. Approximate extra expenditures due will be: Auditor fee - \$1300, Sharks christmas - \$15600, Insurance \$2200, 2 x registrations (trailers) \$300**

Income - \$96621.34 Expenditure - \$92456.31... Petty cash: \$3261.70 Funds held in Term Deposit Heritage - \$8489.94...(if club was to fold this would be used to cover expenses) Bank balance 30/9/2024: \$35388.93. Sharon said all paperwork and bookwork is available for members to peruse. Moved: Michele Sowden. Seconded: Kerrie Hasic

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 273 financial members

PRESIDENTS REPORT: We have had a successful and profitable year. Thank you Members. Committee went smoothly this year and hope that it continues.

GEOFF TAYLOR stood as Chairman...

NOMINATIONS RECEIVED FROM :

PRESIDENT - GRAEME OATES.

VICE PRESIDENT - BRIAN HUMPHREY

SECRETARY/MEMBERSHIP - SUZANNE VANDERVALK

TREASURER - SHARON GORDON

FRONT DESK - SHIRLEY FORBES

EVENTS COORDINATOR - SHIRLEY FORBES - assisting Kerrie Hasic & Marie McLean.

PUBLICITY OFFICER - PAULINE SCHAFER

NO OTHER NOMINATIONS WERE RECEIVED BY SECRETARY.

WEBMASTER - Is not a Committee position - Graeme Jensz has offered to continue
-thank you Graeme.

Suzanne thanked Jude for doing the raffles each week which includes buying and wrapping them.. also thanked all the volunteers...

MOTION: A position has been created for Assistant Vice President, to cover for Graeme and Brian if both are away and handle music on the night. Open to members for discussion... **All agreed.** Geoff Taylor has been asked and accepted the position.

MOVED: Graeme Oates. **SECONDED:** Trevan Deeley

MOTION: Graeme has suggested that the club needs new sound equipment, as current system is quite old and seems to create a "din" in the room from noise and people talking. No one can hear at the back of room, when Graeme does a sound check. Asked advice from a Sound Technician and was told need "Drivers" instead of "speakers" which drive the sound in every direction. This is a substantial investment, but needed. Bob Hammond mentioned a Sound System Engineer (Daniel Aurora) Bailey street, Southport & will ask whether he could come to a club night and check out the system we have currently. If after inspection, Daniel advises new equipment is needed, that would be the deciding factor. Geoff Taylor **moved** that new equipment be purchased. **Seconded** - Shirley Forbes ... Wouldn't be done until next year. (Bands have own sound system and don't use any Italo club equipment).. It was added that Members should be respectful and quiet when announcements are being made.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Christmas at Sharks** - Bob queried why we were only having two courses this year as last year we had three...the reasoning was to keep the cost to members reasonable, so entree was deleted. To be put to members to get an overall opinion.
- 2. Discussion on setting up/putting away chairs** and tables on a club night.. Staff at Italo club are supposed to help - but seems Brian and Mary usually do most of the setting up. (Lots of members to help at end of night) This needs to be addressed with Italo Club. Possibly suggest a reduced cost in venue hire, also mention our dance floor is being used on other nights for other events. Question of whether others were charged for rent on other nights. Committee will report to members on outcome.
- 3.** Bob Hammond commented on the fact that only 30 members turned up today and we have over 270 members...suggested having **AGM** in future on a Wednesday night...Will try March for a General Meeting...to discuss future AGMs - have free entry night?
- 4. Club clothing** - members would like to purchase ... discussed in the past have had shirts made... Total Workwear has our graphics, members can go there and pick out own shirt design and then have logo printed... Bob mentioned they do have logo for front, but not big one for the back... need USB stick with larger logo.. suggestion of changing club colours...
- 5.** Pauline asked how many members look at our **Website or Facebook**.. a few hands went up. Graeme mentioned communication by phone is best if you need immediate response.
- 6.** Geoff Taylor mentioned problem with **seat saving** on a club night. New members are affected causing some to leave if they can't find a seat. Should we have a "Newbies" table - Jude mentioned it was better for them to sit at older members tables, so they feel welcome and if not enough chairs, make room for them. If table is full, help them to find a seat somewhere else. New member Vicki commented, she found our club very welcoming. There is enough chairs for 170 and backup for 200 (tables/chairs outside). Suggesting of only being able to saving two chairs on a club night. All members should welcome new people and help them. Kerrie does an amazing job welcoming people. **Pauline** to include information about this in next newsletter.
- 7. Cash** - Entry on club nights - suggestion of moving with the times and getting "Tyro" or similar. Some people are leaving because they don't carry cash. Should never turn people away... Need cash flow through till to pay band etc. on our club nights. Committee will look into further.
- 8. Bands** - survey on bands was done for two weeks... member suggested that survey was not open long enough for all members to comment. Survey was mentioned in Paulines newsletter. Request to do survey again for a longer time.

- 9. Lessons** - Geoff doing a great job. Suggestion of lessons for couples.
Need set **itinerary** for beginners and partner dances. Tim & Lani teach partner dances. Other members have offered to teach advanced lessons. Some beginners are ready for more advanced lesson. Need intermediate teacher, Geoff doesn't have enough moves. Information could be put in newsletter.
- 10.**Pauline commended Sharon and Suzanne in doing an amazing jobs as Treasurer and Secretary. Thanks were given to Committee and all volunteers and especially President Graeme, Vice President Brian and Mary.
- 11.First aid course** - Pauline mentioned another free course being offered need a few more names, can then arrange a day and time.
- 12.**Member mentioned not to lose sight that we are a rock n roll club and should not do too many line dances, but response was line dances are very good for singles to enjoy.

MEETING CLOSED: 11.35am.

Morning tea supplied after meeting finished.

PRESIDENT: GRAEME OATES

SECRETARY: SUZANNE VANDERVALK